GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1310
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M.C.C. ACTIVITIES
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the incidents of abduction of people`s representatives and other officers by M.C.C. activists and their release after holding people`s Court in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to tackle the situation arising out of this?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Government of Jharkhand has intimated that Shri Loknath Mahato, Member of Legislative Assembly, along with Md. Kajmi, District Forest Officer, accompanied by several other officers belonging to Forest Department, proceeded on 16.5.2002 for supervision of Kotinala Check Dam and inauguration of a colony at village Bundu, under Keredari Police Station of Hazaribagh.In course of their returning after supervision of the Check Dam, they were abducted by a group of MCC activists and were questioned about negligence in implementation of development works and about taking illegal commission. After about five hours, they were allowed to leave for their destination.

(c): Government of Jharkhand has instructed all concerned authorities in the State to be more vigilant and take stern action to prevent such incidents in future.

Central Government also keeps a close watch over the situation in the States and such issues are invariably raised in the meetings of the high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of severely affected States, as its members.

CPML- People`s War (PW) and Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and their formations and front organizations, have been notified as Terrorist Organisations under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002 to enable the States to take effective action.